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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

5. (Amended) An antibiotic composition as claimed in claim 1 which contains

50mg to 1g of Erythromycin B (or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof).

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